

R E M A R K S

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

In addition, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite allowance of the remainder of the claims.

A divisional application is being filed directed to the cancelled claims.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoshihiro URADE et al.

By: Warren Cheek Jr.
Warren M .Cheek, Jr.
Registration No. 33,367
Attorney for Applicants

WMC/dlk
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
May 31, 2005